

Dr. Wiley says that a man should not begin to grow old until he is 90. Why begin then?

Paraguay is described as "a paradise for men." Must be all lathkeys and no bargain counters.

Scientists tell us that there are several species of creatures that never sleep. The octopus is one of them.

Greenland has fewer than 12,000 inhabitants, and those who have been there wonder why she has so many.

An eastern fashion journal says women are wearing larger shoes. They are probably numbered as small as ever.

The question as to the healthfulness of rhinoceros steak as an article of food has yet to be passed upon by Dr. Wiley.

There seems to be some dispute as to whether Mrs. Chadwick got into the clutches of the loan sharks, or vice versa.

If the Princeton anti-treating league does establish a women's auxiliary, no doubt, that end of it will be successful, anyhow.

What is this "liquid sunshine" Dr. Harper is full of? Does it make you feel any better than the old-fashioned liquid moonshine?

"The most unsatisfactory thing to hold," remarks the Nebraska State Journal, "is a grudge." Ever try holding a grudge?

Says a New York fashion item: "The latest wrinkle is the invisible corset." So they should be worn on the inside hereafter.

An effort will now be made to find out to what extent microbes of moral disease infest the money which Mr. Rockefeller distributes.

In Georgia a couple recently married who had never seen each other before. Seeing is evidently believing altogether too much sometimes.

It is doubtful, however, if the man who invents a sure cure for spring fever will make a fortune out of it. It's sort of pleasant to be lazy.

With its projected new army, navy, arsenals and military schools, heathen China will make quite a stride toward likeness to the Christian powers.

The Manchester, N. H., school board offers employment as teachers to eighteen matrimony proof young women who are "man haters." Now, girls!

Before criticizing your newspaper for what is published therein, consult the files of the editorial waste paper basket and see what you have escaped.

A man in British Columbia, wearying of life, tried to stab himself with a safety pin. His next attempt, it is conjectured, will be made with a boiled carrot.

It is estimated that there are fifty ways for a young man to work his way through college. Thus has the great vogue of athletics opened up educational opportunities.

The Richmond, Va., city council may pass an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to speak of a leg as anything but a limb. No, there are no ladies in the Richmond council.

A Boston woman recently read a paper entitled "Are We Growing Old Gracefully?" Of course her conclusion was that "we" are not growing old gracefully or otherwise.

It is not true that Mark Twain has given up the smoking habit. "Why how can one smoke too much," he is wont to say, "when there are only twenty-four hours in the day to do it in?"

Prof. Williston was looking so far into the future when he saw a race of birds as the successors of men that he may have mistaken men in flying machines for members of the feathered family.

The skeleton of the biggest whale ever captured is being put in place in the national museum at Washington, and hereafter people who go to the capital to see the elephant ought also to see the whale.

George Bernard Shaw thinks bachelors should be compelled to mind the children of their married friends. But there is a constitutional provision in this country prohibiting "cruel and unusual punishment."

Although a multi-millionaire may occasionally refer to his wealth as a burden, he never makes good by shifting the burden to the shoulders of those philanthropists who always stand ready to relieve him of his load.

Gov. Folk's remark that the output of the Missouri hen each year is equal in value to the production of the silver mines of Colorado should be of special interest to other states that haven't any silver mines but can keep hens.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

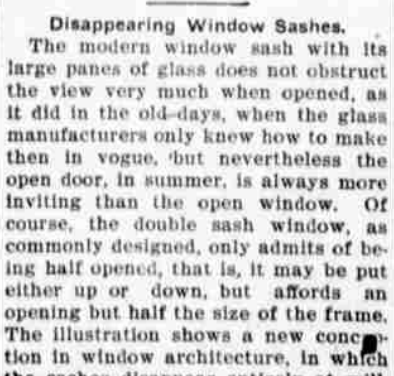
Moth-Proof Clothes Basket.
The moth-proof storage receptacle will soon be sought by every housewife, for with the advent of spring the winter woolen apparel and blankets, etc., have to be disposed of for another season. The difficulty with most of these devices is that they are not tight enough to prevent the entrance of moths and bugs. Boxes or chests with loose fitting lids are not satisfactory, as the objectionable insects manage to discover the smallest crevice, and the apparent security is a mask for their undisturbed destruction. A Western inventor proposes to overcome this difficulty by the use of a practically hermetically sealed receptacle, which he secures by the use of a packing of rubber gas tubing. This is placed inside the rim of the cover, and the tubing or packing being of such a size as to make a tight fit. Fastening is arranged through holes in one side of the tubing from which project nail points adapted to engage in openings in the cover. When made of canvas or other flexible material such a receptacle possesses the advantage, in addition to low cost, of not requiring much space for storage when out of use, and yet having all the merits of an expensive wooden chest.



New Swiss Electric Plant.
Switzerland is soon to undertake a unique enterprise in the construction of an enormous reservoir by damming the river Sihl in the canton of Schwytz, forming an artificial lake which will occupy a whole valley and contain 96,000,000 cubic meters of water for the alimentation of a powerful hydro-electric installation destined chiefly for the electric traction on the railroad. By the construction of a wall 78 feet high and 300 feet long a difference of level of 480 meters will be obtained between this basin and the lake of Zurich, into which the water will flow by means of a tunnel. This will produce a force of 28,000 horse power during twenty-four hours, or 60,000 during eleven hours. A contract has been signed by the government of Schwytz and that of Zurich, the work to be commenced this spring.

Changes in the Nile Advocated.
Deepening and narrowing the channel of the Nile is advocated by Sir William H. Preece to prevent the vast waste of water which now takes place along its course. At the source of this main artery of the life and commerce of Egypt the average annual rainfall is fifty inches, but before reaching the White Nile 29 per cent has disappeared, while only one-thirtieth of the original flow passes Assuan. Evaporation increases with the surface exposed, and for this reason Sir William maintains any plan diminishing the width of the Nile will prove beneficial.

Disappearing Window Sashes.
The modern window sash with its large panes of glass does not obstruct the view very much when opened, as it did in the old days, when the glass manufacturers only knew how to make them in vogue, but nevertheless the open door, in summer, is always more inviting than the open window. Of course, the double sash window, as commonly designed, only admits of being half opened, that is, it may be put either up or down, but affords an opening but half the size of the frame. The illustration shows a new conception in window architecture, in which the sashes disappear entirely at will.



A casement or pocket is provided below the sash, into which they disappear, and a movable sill covers the sash in this position, giving a suitable finish to the opening. This sliding sill carries in its ends recesses for the retention of the sash cords, locking the sash securely in the concealed position. When the weather is warm the window is transformed into an unobstructed opening, and when the weather is cold or stormy the sill is adjusted and the sash raised and locked in position, when they resemble the ordinary window construction.

Naturally, "What makes McShosh's voice so husky?" "Drinking too much whisky."

WILD-BEAR HUNT IN JAPAN.

Savage Animals Provide Good Sport for Hunters.

"Shoji's quietude has just been disturbed by a big wild-bear hunt," says a Japanese paper. "Lately the cold weather has driven the wild bears down near the villages. The other day a party of hunters routed out seven or eight bears on the hills. A hunter named Krahel wounded one of the unsightly creatures and the animal started down the hill to upset things generally. Reaching the tiny village of Furuseki, he rushed through a flour mill and attacked a woman who was cleaning wheat in a shed hard by, injuring her somewhat badly. A farmer named Ito Kunichiro, hearing the woman's cry for help, rushed to her assistance and struck the bear with his mattock, thus drawing the animal's attention to himself. The noise now drew others to the spot and when the hunters reached the village they found that the peasants had succeeded in giving the bear his quietus, and that a huge feast was in store for all."

Need Not Fear Heart Disease.
"Don't run," and "avoid rheumatism," are among the health recipes which ought to be first considered by the man or woman who wants his or her heart to keep on ticking normally for three score and ten years or longer. It is safe to say that a person of temperate habits in eating and drinking, who takes six or eight hours sleep out of the twenty-four and some exercise afoot in the open air every day, and who absolutely refuses to worry and fret over his business or anything else, will never die of heart disease.

For Growing Girls.
West Pembroke, Me., April 24.—Mrs. A. L. Smith, of this place, says that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for growing girls. Mrs. Smith emphasizes her recommendation by the following experience:

"My daughter was thirteen years old last November and it is now two years since she was first taken with Crazy Spells that would last a week and would then pass off. In a month she would have the spells again. At these times she would eat very little and was very yellow; even the whites of her eyes would be yellow. "The doctors gave us no encouragement, they all said they could not help her. After taking one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she has not had one bad spell. Of course, we continued the treatment until she had used in all about a dozen boxes, and we still give them to her occasionally, when she is not feeling well. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly the best medicine for growing girls."

Mothers should heed the advice of Mrs. Smith, for by so doing, they may save their daughters much pain and sickness and ensure a healthy, happy future for them.

Self-Control.
There is poetry in moderation. There is power in self-control. If you are going to be master of any situation you must first be master of yourself. The man who loses his head when he loses his heart is pretty certain to lose the girl also.

TORTURING HUMOUR.
Body a Mass of Sores—Treated by Three Doctors but Grew Worse—Cured by Cuticura for 75c.
"My little daughter was a mass of sores all over her body. Her face was eaten away, and her ears looked as if they would drop off. I called in three doctors, but she grew worse. Neighbors advised Cuticura, and before I had used half of the cake of soap and box of ointment the sores had all healed, and my little one's skin was as clear as a newborn babe's. I would not be without Cuticura again if it cost five dollars, instead of seventy-five cents, which is all it cost us to cure our baby. Mrs. G. J. Steese, 701 Coburn St., Akron, Ohio."

Oysters Filled Him Up.
Baron Graham once asked an epicure how many oysters he should eat in order to create a good appetite for dinner, and was told to eat away until he became hungry. The baron, who never saw a joke, ate ten dozen, and then plaintively remarked: "Pon my word, I don't think I am as hungry as when I began."

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Demands Full Equipment.
At the automobile show in London two young women were sitting in a car on the back of which was a placard reading, "As it is, £350." "I'll take it," said a young man who came along. But he refused to take it when the owner told the two women to get down.

New Equipment on the Santa Fe.
An order for some new equipment was placed the other day by the Santa Fe. It comprises 75 locomotives, 5,300 freight cars and 60 passenger coaches, and postal cars, all to be delivered within the next four months. Fifteen of the new engines are Atlantic type balanced compounds, thirty Pacific type balanced compounds and thirty Santa Fe type. This big expense, aggregating more than \$5,000,000, is incurred in order that growing traffic may be promptly handled. Present facilities are ample for today's travel and shipments; tomorrow they may not be sufficient. The Santa Fe looks ahead; that is why it gets the business.

THE TEACHER'S FOE

A LIFE ALWAYS THREATENED BY NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

One Who Broke Down from Six Years of Overwork Tells How She Escaped Misery of Enforced Idleness.

"I had been teaching in the city schools steadily for six years," said Miss James, whose recent return to the work from which she was driven by nervous collapse has attracted attention. "They were greatly overcrowded, especially in the primary department of which I had charge, and I had been doing the work of two teachers. The strain was too much for my nerves and two years ago the crisis came."

"I was prostrated mentally and physically, sent in my resignation and never expected to be able to resume work. It seemed to me then that I was the most miserable woman on earth. I was tortured by nervous headaches, worn out by inability to sleep, and had so little blood that I was as white as chalk."

"After my active life, it was hard to bear idleness, and terribly discouraging to keep paying out the savings of years for medicines which did me no good."

"How did you get back your health?" "A bare chance and a lot of faith led me to a cure. After I had suffered for many months, and when I was on the very verge of despair, I happened to read an account of some cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The statements were so convincing that I somehow felt assured that these pills would help me. Most people, I think, buy only one box for a trial, but I purchased six boxes at once, and when I had used them up, I was indeed well and had no need of more medicine."

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enriched my thin blood, gave me back my strength, restored my appetite, gave me strength to walk long distances without fatigue, in fact freed me from all my numerous ailments. I have already taught for several months, and I cannot say enough in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Miss Margaret M. James is now living at No. 123 Clay street, Dayton, Ohio. Many of her fellow teachers have also used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and are enthusiastic about their merits. Sound digestion, strength, ambition, and cheerful spirits quickly follow their use. They are sold in every drug store in the world.

TEA
Why do we advertise?
To tell you what's good for you.
Why don't we tell then?
Don't we?

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best.
Metals and Memory.
The miner and the chemist are furnishing more and better metals and the miner of men's minds is trying to furnish helps for those who desire more and better memory.—Orville Sisson.

TEA
A tired woman; a fresh pot of tea; there is joy all over her face.

Talk.
Almost any woman would rather talk well even if she had nothing to say than to know everything and not be able to tell it.—Exchange.

DON'T FORGET
A large 3-oz. package Red Cross Ball Blue, only 5 cents. The Russ Company, South Bend, Ind.

Island Little Known.
Ayes Island, in the West Indies, is rarely visited, and little known. Its total length is three-quarters of a mile, and, as it rises only about 12 to 14 feet above the sea, it is not noticeable, even by day, until closely approached.

TEA
Anti-nervous prostration.
A little more tea; take a little more time with your tea.

Everyday Greatness.
He who walks through life with an even temper and gentle patience; patient with himself, patient with others, patient with difficulties and crosses, he has an everyday greatness beyond that which is won in battle or chanted in cathedrals.—Dr. Dewey.

TEA
Never tried Schilling's Best, and been buying tea for the past ten years?
You've lost a good deal of what you drink tea for.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it.

Ways of Horse Thieves.
A Bromley, a man named Williams, age eighty-three, described as a noted horse stealer, with a record of forty-three years' penal servitude, was sent for trial on a charge of horse stealing. It was mentioned that it was a practice of horse thieves to lame the animals in order to give them an excuse for offering them for sale for slaughter.—London Chronicle.

THREE WANTED THE QUAIL.

Man, Fox and Hawk Disputed Possession of Birds.

Dr. William Rowland of Pasadena, who was up at Middle Ranch quail shooting a few days prior to the close of the season, had a most unique experience.

He ran upon a covey of quail and, flushing them, dropped one with his left barrel, and then, at considerable of an angle, dropped another with the right barrel. Turning to his first bird he was just in time to see a fox snatch it up and start to run away with it. Quickly pumping another cartridge into his gun, he let the fox have it, knocking him stiff. After reconnoitering a minute and finding his first bird, he was returning to pick up the second, when something shot down like an arrow from the skies in front of him, the object proving to be an osprey.

The quail had been wounded, and its fluttering attracted the attention of the big hawk, which while sailing through the ether had an eye out for a quail dinner, and darting upon the wounded bird, was about to cheat the hunter out of his quarry. Dr. Rowland, while amazed at the turn of events, did not propose to stand for such a play, and, training his ready gun on the bold robber, with a pull of the trigger put him out of commission, and saved both his birds.—Avalon correspondence Los Angeles Times.

STEER DRIVEN IN HARNESS.

Young French-Canadian Has Succeeded in Educating Animal.

John Fornier, a young French-Canadian, who lives at Molunkus Lake, Me., is turning a pretty penny for himself with his educated steer, John Henry. This steer is a most amiable beast, and has been trained to harness so well that he can be driven as easily as a horse, and easier than some horses.

A harness has been made for him with reins, which he minds at the slightest pull, and is "sound and kind."



Drawing the Ladies.
and can be driven by ladies and children."

On pleasant days John trots John Henry up to Mattawamkeag village and for the small sum of one dime will let the outfit to anyone who wishes to take a pleasure drive around the town. Business is invariably good, and John has earned enough money to keep John Henry in excellent condition. The Mattawamkeag ladies are John's best customers, and John Henry really seems to enjoy their company.

BLEW DOWN CITY WALL.

People of Leipsic Reminded of the Fate of Jericho.

We have been hearing a good deal about the walls of Jericho lately, and, therefore, it is curious that we should have an actual example of the power of a trumpet-blast occurring in Europe to-day.

A short time ago, at Leipsic, the conductor of a brass band used to train his musicians in his garden, which was bounded by the old walls of the city.

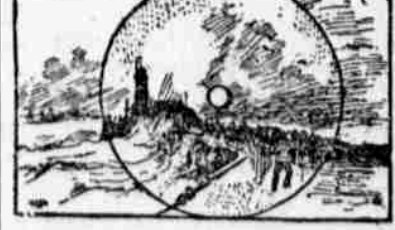
One day, when they were practicing a grand march they came to a passage in which all the trumpets had to blow fortissimo, and, as they gave one final blast all together, they were astonished to see the old wall suddenly crumble and topple over into the fields outside.

Happily, the only result was that the cows in the meadows were frightened, but it is evident that the walls of Leipsic are even more unstable than were the walls of Jericho.—Sketch.

Talking Postcards.
To-day the "talking postcard" is on sale at 6d in a large number of retailers' shops. The "talking postcard" is described as a picture postcard with a disc attached on which is the record of some song, or recitation, or piece of orchestral music.

The disc is made of celluloid, adheres firmly to the body of the postcard, and is practically unbreakable, so that it is not likely to come to any grief at the hands of the postoffice people.

The disc, added by a suitable gramophone, produces sweet music, more or less appropriate to the picture on the card.—Liverpool (Eng.) Mercury.



Paupers Kept in Luxury.
It cost the town of Ware, Mass., \$10,000 to support nine paupers last year, and economical citizens are suggesting that they be boarded at a first-class hotel.

Dyspepsia of Women

ABSOLUTELY NEEDLESS AGONY

Caused by Uterine Disorders and Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

A great many women suffer with a form of indigestion or dyspepsia which does not seem to yield to ordinary treatment. While the symptoms seem to be similar to those of ordinary indigestion, yet the medicines universally prescribed do not seem to restore the patient's normal condition.



Mrs. Pinkham claims that there is a kind of dyspepsia that is caused by a derangement of the female organism, and which, while it causes a disturbance similar to ordinary indigestion, cannot be relieved without a medicine which not only acts as a stomach tonic, but has peculiar uterine-tonic effects also.

As proof of this theory we call attention to the case of Mrs. Maggie Wright, Brooklyn, N. Y., who was completely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after everything else had failed. She writes: "For two years I suffered with dyspepsia which so degenerated my entire system that I was unable to attend to my daily duties. I felt weak and nervous, and nothing that I ate tasted good and it caused a disturbance in my stomach. I tried different dyspepsia cures, but nothing seemed to help me. I was advised to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial, and was happily surprised to find that it acted like a fine tonic, and in a few days I began to enjoy and properly digest my food. My recovery was rapid, and in five weeks I was a well woman. I have recommended it to many suffering women."

No other medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement, or has such a record of cures of female troubles, as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Schools in Bangkok.
The primary schools of Bangkok are now attended by over 10,000 pupils of both sexes.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 323 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

To Keep Tinware From Rusting.
Tinware rubbed over with fresh lard, and thoroughly heated in the oven before it is used, will never rust, no matter how much it is put in water.

Alabastine Your Walls

The most desirable thing in wall covering is opacity (covering power). Next to that is ease of application. In both of these Alabastine stands pre-eminent. Then there are other points—the firmness, the permanence, the binding qualities, and it is mixed with clear, pure water. Alabastine is not dependent on sour paste, nor smelly glue to bind it to the wall, it is an Alabaster cement that sets on the wall. It is the purest, the nicest, the best wall covering made. The most beautiful color effects, the most beautiful designs are possible in Alabastine.

ALABASTINE is especially suitable for church and school house work. Write us for color ideas for such work.

The best dealers sell it. If you don't, send us his name and we'll see that you are supplied.

ALABASTINE COMPANY
Grand Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

105 Water St., New York City.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES \$3.50



W. L. DOUGLAS MAKES AND SELLS MORE MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES THAN ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER IN THE WORLD. \$10,000 REWARD is any one who can supply this statement.

W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the greatest sellers in the world because of their excellent style, easy fitting and superior wearing qualities. They are just as good as those that cost from \$5.00 to \$7.00. The only difference is the price. W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, hold their shape better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other shoes. Douglas guarantees their value by stamping his name and price on the bottom of each shoe. Look for it. No substitute. W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are sold through his own retail stores in the principal cities, and by shoe dealers everywhere. No matter where you live, W. L. Douglas shoes are within your reach.

"The Best I Ever Wore."
"I write to say that I have worn your \$3.50 shoes for the past five years, and find them the best I ever wore."—Rev. Frank T. Ripley, 60 East Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.

Boys wear W. L. Douglas \$2.50 and \$2.00 shoes because they fit better, hold their shape and wear longer than other makes. W. L. Douglas uses the best leather in his shoes. The finest quality leather produced. For Color Eyes will not wear brassy. W. L. Douglas has the largest shoe mail order business in the world. No trouble to get a fit. By mail, 25 cents extra, prepaid delivery. If you desire further information, write for Illustrated Catalogue of Spring Styles. W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.